THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has provided loan assistance of around US $ 1937 million for the various exploration and developmental projects of ONGC and OIL such as, Bombay High Offshore Development Project and Gas Flaring Reduction Project. The first loan agreement was signed in the year 1977 and an amount of approximately US $ 1906 million has already been utilised by the two companies.

U.S. Pressures on India's Nuclear Policy

6030. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US continues to increase bilateral and international pressures on India to sign the NPT, CTBT and Fissile Material Cut off Treaty (FMCT);

(b) the details of the steps taken by the US to put such pressures on India; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The NPT and the recently concluded CTBT are important issues on the United States non-proliferation agenda. Similarly, the US attaches high priority to the early commencement of negotiations for a Fissile Materials Cut Off Treaty (FMCT). India and the US have not discussed these issues at the bilateral level for sometime. India's stand on these issues is principled and consistent. It is also well known and has been articulated in multilateral fora.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Chargesheeting of DDA Officials

6031. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of employees (Class III, Group C) with their names and designations who have deserted DDA and went abroad without intimation/taking prior permission/ leave during the period 1979-86;

(b) The details of employees who had been chargesheeted and departmental enquiry under the relevant Conduct Rules was intimated against them; and

(c) the details of such persons who have been found guilty and their services terminated by DDA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) DDA has reported that it does not have any system of keeping records of employees going abroad without intimating and deserting services. However, cases of unauthorised absence are dealt with under the Conduct Rules. Prolonged absence without permission leads to termination of services. During the period of 1981-86 services of two officials were terminated and penalty of reduction in rank/stoppage of increment(s) were imposed on three officials for unauthorised absence from duty.

[Translation]

Urban Employment Schemes

6032. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes being implemented by the Government for providing employment to unemployed in the urban areas;

(b) the year-wise assistance provided under these schemes to Rajasthan and other States during the last five years; and

(c) The outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) This Ministry is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Eradication Programmes namely Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) with an employment generation component. NRY was launched in October, 1989 with the objective of providing self employment and wage employment opportunities to the urban poor living below poverty line and is being implemented throughout the country including Rajasthan.

PMIUPEP launched in November, 1995 has self employment through setting up of micro interprises as one of the many components. This programme is applicable to all urban Agglomerations having population ranging between 50,000 to 1,00,000 as per the 1991 census.

(b) Under NRY, the details of Central assistance given under SUME (subsidy) during the last five years are givne in attached statement-I.

Statement-II showing year-wise funds released under PMIUPEP is attached.

(c) NRY: The details of beneficiaries assisted to set-up micro units during the last five years are given in statement-III.

PMIUPEP: Statement IV showing achievement is attached.